



# the Mainsheet

December 2023

## WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

How good has the 2023-2024 Summer Season been so far? We are thinking the short answer is "pretty damn good"! Your enthusiasm and participation is what makes CSC pretty special.

With the pandemic now just a distant memory, we have seen many return to Friday Twilight sailing and we are now seeing a significant increase in numbers as we continue to tweak the racing and fine tune the program to offer everyone a more competitive race experience no matter what boat you sail. The same applies to Saturday yachts, the bigger your fleet, the better the racing. We have introduced a variety of new initiatives like the Shell Harbour offshore series, and we are working to encourage more competition against the gang from the RMYC-PH across the offshore and inshore yacht fleet, including the two-hander series. The Sunday sailors have seen some great sailing conditions and enjoyed some wild rides, and our seemingly tireless sailing coaches are seeing spectacular results with both junior and adult learn to sail graduates.

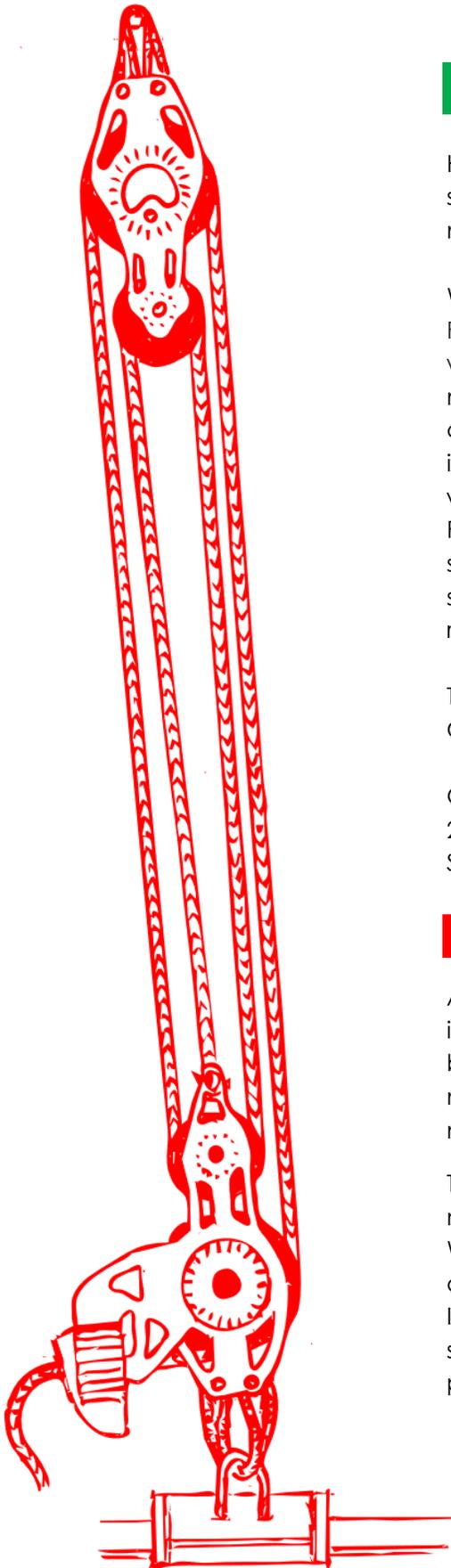
The CSC Board and CSC Sailing Committee wish all our members a fun and safe Christmas and a happy New Year full of celebration with family and friends.

Once you have had your fill of that though, we can't wait to see you all return in 2024 for what will be another exciting year of sailing and friendship. See you all on the water.

## THANK YOU MACCA

After many decades of service, our yachting Race Officer (RO) Dave McLachlan is retiring. Over many decades, our yachting, OTB and regatta fleets have often been expertly managed by Dave and his offsidiers, always in a very professional manner. On behalf of the CSC Board, Sailing Committee, and general sailing membership, we would like to thank Dave for his long and distinguished service.

The Race landscape is evolving, we now have software to help with race management, handicapping, and results, and apps to help us lay truer courses. We are lucky to have a great race management team for yachts and dinghies, and in 2024 we would like to expand our Race Officer(s) and assistant(s) network. If you find you have a bit more spare time. want to learn a very rewarding new skill, or simply give back to your sailing community after a lifetime of sailing pleasure, we would love to have a chat.

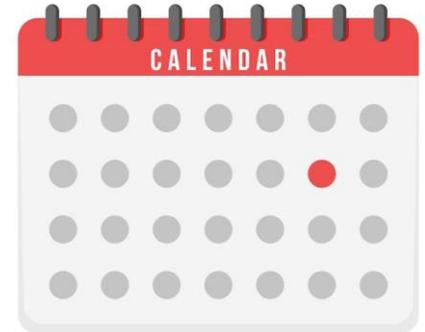




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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

26 December	Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race
1-5 January	MG14 Nationals (Manly, QLD)
4-7 January	J24 Nationals, RANSA
13 January	1st yacht race & post-Christmas nibbles
20 January	CSC Navigators' Cup
21 January	1st dinghy race & post-Christmas nibbles



## NAVIGATORS CUP



Cronulla Sailing Club invites all eligible CSC and non-CSC yachts to compete in the 26th Botany Bay Australia Day Navigators' Cup yacht race.

**SATURDAY 20th JANUARY, 2024.**

The Navigators' Cup is part of a series of events that commemorate Australia's sailing and maritime history. Held every year since 1837, the Australia Day Regatta is the world's oldest continuously run annual sailing event.

- Free entry for CSC yachts. nominal fee applies to non-CSC yachts
- Start and finish in Port Hacking Estuary
- Inshore and Offshore courses to Botany Bay and surrounds
- Viewing from Bass and Flinders Monument or Cronulla Esplanade
- Presentation and prize giving after racing at Cronulla Sailing Club

For official race information, visit the Online Notice Board (ONB)  
[2024 NOTICE OF RACE](#)

For the Race Entry Form, visit the CSC SailSys.  
[2024 ENTRY FORM](#)



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## ROLEX SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

Good luck to all our members and friends heading to Hobart this year. We wish you a quick and safe trip down.

- Ben Piggot - SHK Scallywag
- Ben Sinton - Lightning
- Bryce Edwards - URM Group
- Jason Thorne - Lightning
- Luke Payne - Calibre 12
- Paddy Bannon - URM Group
- Tim Sellars - URM Group



Please let us know if you or any of your crew are heading down so we can cheer you on.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

### SAILING TWILIGHT

Our Friday night Twilight Fleet has had a fantastic end to the year. With numbers growing each week the competition and banter, on and off the water, has been increasing. Thank you to Jerry for your time and effort and thank you to Jared for all your initiatives and organisation. Twilight sailing commences again on January 12th 2024.





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## JUNIORS

Junior Sailing is finished for the year. All our participants had a fantastic time on the water and progressed their skills tremendously. Thank you to our coaches Katelyn, Tobie, Craig, Thomas and Sophie who do such a wonderful job each week with the sailors. Thank you to Dave Whitten who has been down helping us launch all the support boats and get the juniors on the water.



## CORPORATE DAY

An event entrenched deeply in CSC tradition, Corporate Day is held annually on the first Friday of December. As a mark of success, this year we saw around 35 participants on the water across four yachts, including two boat loads of local builders, tradies and other CSC member groups. It was great to welcome Local builder Nu Build to the Day, and thanks to Doug and team Blue Amber for hosting their whole group on one (party) boat.

The participants started the day with a quick briefing and then all boats headed out for a few laps racing around Bate Bay. This year saw the introduction of a new race format, where all boats self-started and self-finished at the Monument. With Thanks to our Corporate Day referees Terry Strudwick and Steve McMillan, the long boat roamed the course looking to fine boats disobeying the rules, one such rule was that if you were seen to be sailing too seriously, then you would be subject to as many 360° turns as deemed necessary to discourage such poor form. The referees were pretty tight lipped, so we are not sure whether bribery was involved, but Jazz Bar won by about a week. Congratulations Jared, but we warned, unless you, err.. 'consult' with the handicapper next year, you might find your adjusted handicap might be a bit miserable, just saying.

After racing, the participants and crews settled in at the Clubhouse for a few cold ales and a generous fresh prawn lunch prepared by our catering maestro Brad and the Giovenco Catering team. Thanks guys.

You've got to smile at the good old CSC enthusiasm, about half of the Corporate Day participants then backed up for twilight racing, then kicked on after that till closing time. Love your work!





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## OFF THE BEACH

### December 3 - Sprint Series #2

Scratch Results

Heat 4:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aquapest - Drew + Morgan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Turtle - Jess + Lucas

Heat 5:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aquapest - Drew + Morgan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tipsy - Neil + Claire

Heat 6:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aquapest - Drew + Morgan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Turtle - Jess + Lucas



### December 10 - Pointscore Race #9

Scratch Results;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skol - Bernard + Luke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Turtle - Jess + Joss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aquapest - Drew + Pete

Handicap Results;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Goat - Magoo + Jensen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tipsy - Neil + Claire
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Smashed - Katelyn + Hugh

### December 17 - Club Championship #5

Scratch Results;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skol - Bernard + Jordan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Turtle - Jess + Joss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Smashed - Katelyn + Hugh



## MG14 NATIONAL TITLES



Good luck to all our sailors heading north to Darling Point Sailing Club, QLD for the MG14 National Titles. We have 5 boats representing the club: *Skol*, *Aquapest*, *Turtle*, *Rum Rage* and *Smashed*. Go get 'em guys!